

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 19, and 28 are amended. Also, claims 30-32 are canceled. Thus, upon its entry, claims 1-29 will be pending. Applicants believe that these changes present no new matter. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-27 and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,304,648 to Chang (“Chang”). Also, claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Chang. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

As amended, independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 recite features involving the display of information. For example, claim 1, as amended, recites “displaying a respective user-appreciable identification of the source and a respective user-appreciable indication of the amplitude of the audio information.”

Chang fails to teach or suggest this feature. More particularly, Chang fails to teach or suggest the displaying a user-appreciable indication of the amplitude of the audio information. On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner directs Applicants’ attention to Figure 3B of Chang. This portion of Chang merely involves a silence suppression

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feature. It does not involve an indication of the amplitude, as recited in the independent claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all the stated grounds of rejection and objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the office action. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to deposit account 50-0221.

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